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ORANGE CO. POLL SHOWS WILSON WEAKNESS.

Editor's note: During the first week in March, the polling firm of Evans/McDonough Co. conducted a survey in Orange Co.'s 34th S.D. among 400 likely general election voters. The poll was paid for by the Democratic Foundation of Orange Co. Here is our brief report...

...In the race for governor, incumbent Pete Wilson(R) continues to have trouble, even among his core GOP base. In the 34th S.D., among Republicans only, 36% view him negatively, compared to just under 50% who like him. This means major problems unless Wilson can repair the damage --- which he's having trouble doing, especially with this "Parolegate" stuff. Among all voters, 42% of those surveyed viewed him favorably, but 47% viewed him negatively...

...Next to L.A. Co.'s 1.2 million registered GOP voters, Orange Co.'s 650,000 Republicans represent the 2nd largest bloc of GOP voters in CA. And it's critical for Wilson to clean house in Orange Co. over his Demo rival to offset Demo strongholds in Northern Calif. That's why this poll is interesting...

...Can either Demo Kathleen Brown or John Garamendi hold Wilson's count down in Orange Co.??? November is a long way off, but right now both Demos have good numbers: Garamendi enjoys a 50% to 14% favorable/unfavorable ratio, while Brown has a 42% to 13% ratio...

...FYI: The 34th S.D. is currently represented by conservative Rob Hurtt. Santa Ana and Garden Grove are the two main cities in this district. The registration is about 46% Demo vs. 42% GOP --- meaning it leans Republican. Part of this survey indicates Demos could make lots of trouble for Sen. Hurtt. He was elected in a very low turnout special in 1993. 70% of those sur-

veyed were unable to ID him or rate his job performance. Of those that did ID him, 10% rated him excellent or good, while 21% rated him fair or poor. In a direct match up with Buena Park Councilwoman Donna Chessen(D), Hurtt leads 22% to 14%. This means Hurtt has some work to do and can't take his reelection lightly. Stay tuned...

1994: UPDATE ON RUN FOR STATEWIDE OFFICES

Editor's note: Here are a few items of interest regarding the June 1994 primary...

- **Demo Primary for Governor** - A new survey by S.F. pollster David Binder taken Mar. 3-9 among 803 Demo registered voters shows Kathleen Brown with 40.8%, John Garamendi with 22.2%, Tom Hayden with 8.9%, undecided at 17.6% and 3.2% who refuse to vote of any of the above Demos...

- **A Week After the Brown Shake Up** - A full week has now gone by since Demo Kathleen Brown hired consultant Clint Reilly and reorganized her staff. As reported in last week's CALPEEK, daily mgr. Teresa Vilmain and policy director Roy Behr both resigned. This past week the other shoe dropped, as media consultant Greer, Margolis, Mitchell et al also resigned. Some stories are now beginning to surface and it's reported that Vilmain and Behr were **not** happy campers when informed that Kathleen had hired Clint. Unlike the earlier, but unsuccessful discussions to bring consultant Bill Carrick aboard, sources say Vilmain and Behr were kept in the dark on Reilly. Who pushed for Reilly? Sources say Brown's two key advisors: Bill Wardlaw and Beverly Thomas, who was the daily mgr. in Brown's 1990 campaign. As readers may recall, Wardlaw worked with Reilly in the 1993 Riordan campaign...

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● **Secretary of State** - A new poll taken for Acting SOS Tony Miller by his pollster David Binder of S.F. shows a very tight race in the Demo primary. Among 803 Demo voters, former L.A. Councilman Mike Woo leads with 25%, followed by Miller at 20% and Assemblywoman Gwen Moore at 19%. Undecided is 36% -- meaning the race could go in any direction. The survey was taken between Mar. 3-9.

● **Ballot Title Brouhaha** - Acting SOS Tony Miller (D) and his office are in two disputes over ballot titles. One battle is over Miller's use of his title "Acting Sec. of State." Rival Demo SOS candidate Mike Woo has taken Miller to court (Mar. 24). The other case involves GOP Controller candidate Tom McClintock. Miller's office is disputing McClintock's use of the title, "Taxpayer Advocate." McClintock is the director of the Center for the Calif. Taxpayer and in the 1993 case of *Costa vs. Sec. of State*, the court ruled that Ted Costa could use the title "taxpayer advocate." So it would seem that the SOS's office is on shaky legal ground in this case. We'll update these stories when we have the court results...

● **Controller** - A few changes in the campaign of Demo businesswoman Kathleen Connell of L.A. OUT is daily mgr. Terry New. Don't know the circumstances but sources say it was by mutual agreement. IN is consultant Jadine Nielsen and the very capable Julio Ramirez as daily mgr. Also added is Lucy McCoy to oversee fundraising. Nielsen and Ramirez worked together on the 1992 Clinton/Gore campaign, but were on opposite sides in the L.A. mayor's race last year...

● **The Endorsement Game** - More organizational endorsements to report:

CTA - Governor (Open); LG (Davis-D); Controller(Areias-D); AG(Umberg-D); Treasurer (Angelides-D); SOS(Moore-D); IC (Torres-D); Schools Chief(Eastin-D). The big surprise here was the "no endorsement" in the governor's race. Garamendi worked the CTA delegates very hard...

PORAC - Governor(Garamendi-D); LG(Davis-D); Controller(Areias-D); AG(neutral); Treasurer(no decision yet); SOS(neutral until after primary); IC (Quackenbush-R); Schools Chief(Eastin-D). This is not shocking news, because Brown is still not viewed

as a strong law & order candidate. And CALPEEK sources report that other Demos running for Statewide office are starting to voice major concern because Brown continues to stonewall the **death penalty issue**. Stay tuned...

U.S. HOUSE RACES: MORE PRIMARY BATTLES.

Editor's note: Here is Part II of our ongoing series of reports about U.S. House primary races...

● **22nd C.D.** - One of the most contentious primaries is for the OPEN coastal seat of Michael Huffington(R-Santa Barbara), who abandoned the district less than halfway through his first term to run for the U.S. Senate. It's almost a given that former DCCC staffer Marty Stone will win the Demo primary. He's basically playing a waiting game to see who wins the GOP primary. If it's hardline conservative Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand, some GOP and many Demo sources in the 22nd C.D. give Stone a fighting chance to win the seat. But Seastrand is in a tough primary with Santa Barbara Co. Sup. Mike Stoker. Seastrand is 100% pro-Life/family values, while Stoker is what you'd call a traditional GOper, who is pro-Choice, but could never win a CARAL endorsement because he's opposed to public funding and favors parental consent. Stoker is endorsed by just about every public safety group in the 22nd C.D. and is getting lots of help from what is left of the Lagomarsino organization. A third GOper in the race is businessman Wayne Reddoch, who may not win, but could be a factor. CALPEEK rates this battle a toss up for now. Consultant Bill Saracino is running Seastrand's campaign, while Frank Caterinicchio is working for Stoker...

● **44th C.D.** - This is the OPEN Riverside Co. seat of U.S. Rep. Al McCandless(R), who is retiring. There's a 3-person Demo primary, with the odds on favorite being former Assemblyman Steve Clute. Businessman Clark McCartney and Desert Hot Springs resident Hans Schroeder are also running in the Demo primary. But Clute, who has hired consultant Paul Kinney, should win easily. On the GOP side, there will be a very lively race between former Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono and outgoing Riverside Co. Sup. Patricia "Corky" Larson. Bono has hired McNally Temple & Associates, plus pollster Linda DiVall and D.C. PAC fundraiser Tom Hammond. Larson has hired Russo, Marsh + Associates. Larson is well known and highly regarded

throughout the 44th C.D., while Bono is a colorful candidate who is best known to voters as a 1992 GOP U.S. Senate candidate, where he got 16.7% of the vote Statewide and in Riverside Co. Bono wasn't very articulate and didn't really have much of a handle on national issues in 1992, but he may have improved. In terms of a winner, rate this as a toss up for now...

● **16th C.D.** - This is the San Jose district of U.S. Rep. Don Edwards(D), the dean of the CA House delegation who is retiring. It's a 56% Demo vs. 29% GOP voter registration district, meaning the Demo primary winner goes to congress. And here it's a two person battle between former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery and Santa Clara Co. Sup. Zoe Lofgren. Both Edwards and U.S. Rep. Norm Mineta(D), another former mayor San Jose, are neutral. McEnery has hired consultant Richie Ross, while Lofgren has hired the Campaign Performance Group. Money and name ID probably favor McEnery, while Lofgren may have an edge in the *gender gap*, plus McEnery has never been that popular among Hispanics, Asians or gays. While Hispanics make up 40% of the 16th C.D.'s population, only 22% are registered. An endorsement by Santa Clara Sup. Ron Gonzales could be helpful. Who's leading? There was a poll prior to Edwards' retirement announcement showing McEnery with the highest favorable rating of 4 who were tested, including Lofgren. And in a one-on-one with Lofgren, McEnery won by a 44% to 26% margin. Sources think the edge belongs to McEnery...

● **49th C.D.** - This is the district of U.S. Rep. Lynn Schenk(D-San Diego), who with a \$1.8 million war-chest mashed unknown and underfunded Judy Jarvis in 1992. The 49th C.D. is not Demo turf, with only a 39.4% voter registration base. Republicans are determined to retake this seat. In the early going the two key GOP rivals were former San Diego Councilman and Muni Court Judge Dick Murphy and retired Dr. John Steel. But about a month ago Murphy dropped out and that's when San Diego Co. Sup. Brian Bilbray jumped in. There's a 3rd GOp in the race, but Ted Joseph won't win. Steel has hired consultant Ron Smith and fundraiser Jean Andrews, while Bilbray has hired McNally-Temple & Assoc. Bilbray has the name ID and experience, while Steel has *deep pockets*. Steel is a former Navy fighter pilot and describes himself as a healthcare educator and businessman. Bilbray's line is that Republicans need a proven vote getter to beat

Schenk in November. Steel thinks the "incumbency" factor and Bilray's vote on some taxes works against the lawmaker. This could be a close race. Stay tuned...

1994 UPDATE: COUNTY SHERIFFS CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is an update on the various races for county sheriff throughout Calif...

...There are now seven(7) incumbent sheriffs who will **not** seek reelection this year. The list includes Albert Cardoza of Solano Co.; Alfred Noren of Santa Cruz Co.; Paul Rankin of Nevada Co.; Dick Williams of San Bernardino Co.; Cois Byrd of Riverside Co.; Donald J. Nunes of Placer Co.; and James Wright of Lake Co....

● **San Diego** - This battle promises to be one of the bloodiest political races in Calif. in 1994. Former San Diego PD Chief Bill Kolender is going up against 1st term incumbent Sheriff Jim Roache. Sheriff's Capt. Bruce Ruff is also running, but believe us, this is a two-person race. Roache has lots of problems. There have been numerous jail escapes; 92% of the members of the DSA voted "no confidence" in Roache's leadership; and Roache has been feuding with the Board of Supes over the selling by his department of confiscated guns. In fact, guns could be a major issue in the campaign, with Roache being backed by the gun lobby. Kolender, while with the Nat'l PD Assn., was outspoken in favor of tighter gun control. Roache has hired consultant Jack Orr and Roache's wife, Jeannette, also will be involved in the campaign. Kolender has hired Campaign Strategies. Edge to Kolender for now...

● **Lake** - There are four contenders for this job. They include Joe Tortorica, a retired Alameda PD officer; Don Anderson, an attorney and ex deputy sheriff from Lake; Marty McCarty, a sgt. with the Clearlake PD; and Rodney Mitchell, a sgt. with the Lake Co. sheriff, who is also on the Clearlake City Council...

● **Riverside** - Lots of action. Former Riverside PD Chief Vic Jones dropped out and endorsed Chief Deputy Sheriff Larry Smith, who also has the blessing of retiring Sheriff Cois Byrd. But this doesn't eliminate all the competition. Sheriff's Lt. Paul Robles, who used to be the PD chief in Desert Hot Springs, is still in the race and the DSA has endorsed him. Consultant Tom Shepard is managing Smith's campaign...

U.S. REP. McCURDY AT COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

U.S. Rep. Dave McCurdy(D-OK) will address members of the Commonwealth Club of CA, 11:45 a.m., April 5, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F. For info & RSVPs (415)597-6705...

CALPEEK's ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Smoking Wars** - The CA Sec. of State's office has given the green light to proponents to circulate what's called The Uniform Tobacco Control Act, an initiative statute which bans local government from enacting tough anti-smoking laws, but does impose some regulations --- although not as tough as some of laws now on the books. Proponents need 384,974 signatures by April 22nd to make the November ballot. The L.A.-based Dolphin Group are the campaign consultants. There is a massive paid signature effort now underway. Odds of this initiative making the November ballot: difficult, but not impossible...

- **Crime & Punishment** - Demo campaign consultant Roger Lee of San Jose was arrested Mar. 18, accused of allegedly selling small amounts of crack cocaine to undercover cops. He was busted at his condo, where he was served with a search warrant. Very sad if true. And Gov. Pete Wilson's chief spin doctor, Dan Schnur, has admitted being busted twice for DUI --- the most recent time being a few weeks ago. Schnur says he offered to resign, but Wilson said it wasn't necessary...

- **Roberti Recall Update** - CA Common Cause filed an official complaint Mar. 21 with the FPPC, asking the State watchdog agency to force Californians Against Corruption and the Coalition to Restore Govt. Integrity to file their delinquent campaign reporting statements. These are the two main groups pushing the April 12th recall of State Sen. David Roberti(D-Van Nuys). If the FPPC doesn't act by Mar. 28th, sources indicate that CCC is prepared to have an individual registered voter living in the 20th S.D. go into L.A. Co. Superior Court and take legal action to force the compliance...

- **43rd A.D. Special Update** - 13 people have now filed for Pat Nolan's Assembly seat. On the GOP side, the leading contenders are former Muni Court Judge James Rogan, L.A. Community College Trustee Julia

Wu and LAPD Officer Peter Repovich. On the Demo side, the frontrunner is former Asst. U.S. Atty. Adam Schiff. In a memo to 43rd A.D. GOP Central Cmt. chair Don Meredith, Wu essentially told the committee to stuff their *candidate endorsement coronation*. FYI: Rogan has resigned from the bench and now 5 candidates have filed to run for his muni court job. But what if Rogan doesn't win this Assembly race, what then? Not to worry, because CALPEEK sources speculate that Gov. Pete Wilson will give Rogan a Superior Court job if he loses the primary. He was supposedly at the top of the list anyway. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Marie Moretti has been hired as a Sr. Counselor by Sacto-based Stoorza, Ziegaus, Metzger & Hunt. She was the founding Exec. Director of the Pat Brown Inst. of Govt. in L.A....

- Voter Contact Services/Ops has moved to 3032 Bunker Hill Lane, Ste. 103, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Same phone number...

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